



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 4942

Hideki TOMOTO

Group Art Unit: 1774

Application No.: 10/757,398

Examiner: EDWARDS, Newton O.

Filed: January 15, 2004

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For: SLIDING ELEMENT FOR SEALS AND THEIR PROCESS OF  
MANUFACTURING

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

**MAIL STOP RCE**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Date: March 19, 2007

Sir:

Coupled with the filling of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicant requests that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be **FURTHER** amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the outstanding Final Office Action dated September 19, 2006.

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